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DEATH.
On 12th December at 2.15 p.m., at the Peak
Hospital, LUTZ CARLOS DO ROZARIO, son of the
late MARCOS C. DO ROZARIO. The funeral will
leave the Roman Catholic Cathedral at 4 p.m.
(2815)

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LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.The Daily Press.
HONGKONG, DECEMBER 13TH, 1905.

In the Daily Telegraph he well informed in a number arriving by yesterday's mail, Russia is wilfully joining the ranks of those who manufacture their own troubles. Japan's status as a Power of the first magnitude has now been recognised by England, America, Germany, and France; and even the Tsar in a recent rescript thought it expedient to refer to Japan as great and mighty. Yet Russia is balking at Japan's desire to exchange representatives of ambassadorial rank. Count Witte informed his Government from Portsmouth that the future good relations of Japan and Russia would be fostered if Russia fell into line with the other Powers in the matter of paying this deserved compliment. "But in St. Petersburg," says the Daily Telegraph, "the matter was regarded from a different point of view," from we cannot help adding, a pettish, childish point of view. Russia elected to be represented at Tokyo by "a mere minister," and sent for M. BEKHMEYER, the Minister at Sofia; and conveyed this insulting intimation via France. There was only one answer, and this humiliation she thereby drew upon herself. Russia "was courteously informed, through the same channels (French), that Japan would prefer, for the time being, to send a mere Charge d'Affaires to St. Petersburg, and to have a Russian representative of like rank in Tokyo." This petty exhibition by Russia, in view of the attitude of the other Powers,

could not possibly have the effect intended. The dignified rot of Japan puts Russia in the position of the small Power—which is as it should be, after such a small-minded bit of pique. In any case, it does not augur well for the future amicable relations that have been looked for and talked of. It is, however, probable that Russia will yet find it expedient to yield ungracefully what she would have done better to do gracefully.

We believe the composition of the new British Cabinet, which we were able to announce in our mid-day Shipping Extra on Monday, will command a feeling of greater confidence in the stability of a Liberal Administration than the public generally were led to expect from previous speculations on the subject. It is ten years since the collapse of the last Liberal Administration, but many members of previous Liberal Cabinets figure in the new Cabinet which, moreover, is strengthened by the inclusion of other names which will command world-wide confidence and respect. That Sir EDWARD GREY would be the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs was a foregone conclusion. In the last Liberal Administration Sir EDWARD was Under Secretary first to Lord ROSEBERY and afterwards to the Earl of KIMBERLEY. While the Liberals have sat in the cold shades of opposition no one among them has commanded a more respectful hearing on questions of foreign policy than Sir EDWARD GREY. His public speeches have shown him to be in general agreement with Lord LANSDOWNE's policy, and we anticipate, therefore, no violent disturbances of the country's relations with Foreign Powers. Notwithstanding that the Liberal Party generally has viewed with some disfavour the agreement to secure the assistance of Japan in the defence of India, both Sir HENRY CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN and Sir EDWARD GREY have publicly declared that a Liberal Government would loyally carry out the Anglo-Japanese alliance as they unreservedly approve the treaty so far as it is intended to maintain the integrity of China. Equal confidence will be felt in the Earl of ELGIN and KINCARDINE (formerly Viceroy of India) as Colonial Secretary, but the appointment, especially at the present time, of a notorious "little Englisher" like Mr. JOHN MORLEY as Secretary of State for India, will doubtless appeal to many as somewhat humorous. We fear it is not improbable that this bodes further trouble in India, for we doubt if Mr. JOHN MORLEY will be found so complaisant towards Lord KITCHENER's plans as his predecessor has been. As to the other appointments in the Cabinet there is little that need be said. The appointment to office of Mr. LLOYD GEORGE, the firebrand of the Party, was generally anticipated, and perhaps no safer place for this turbulent spirit could be found than the Board of Trade. The inclusion of Mr. JOHN BURNS in the Cabinet is the first occasion on which a Labour Member has been so honoured, but few who have watched the career of Mr. BURNS as a member of the London County Council and a member of the Imperial Parliament will cavil at the selection. Neither Mr. LLOYD GEORGE nor Mr. JOHN BURNS have held office of any kind in previous administrations, nor have Mr. HILDANE, Mr. BURRELL and Captain SINCLAIR. It is, to say the least, unusual to find so many men in a new Cabinet who have not qualified by service as Parliamentary Under Secretaries. The prolonged exclusion of the Liberal Party from power affords the explanation, no doubt, for it will generally be admitted that the new ministers are men of commanding ability in the ranks of the Liberal Party.

Capt. John de Mestra Hutchison, R.N., late Extra Naval Attaché at Tokyo, has got his C.M.G.

The last London Lord Mayor's "show" attracted bigger crowds than "for years past." One of three emblematical cars represented "the Colonies."

On Dec. 9th the plague totals stood at 391 cases and 283 deaths. On the same day two Europeans and one Portuguese were recorded to be suffering from diphtheria.

Hall Caine, the successful novelist, has recently remarked that "nature herself provides the first essential—genius, without which success in fiction writing is impossible."

One of the most artistic wall calendars yet to hand is that from Mr. H. Rutledge, whose production contains a copy of a well-known painting, and has the calendar neatly set out.

The "Shaughraun" has been played on Monday and Tuesday nights to good audiences at the St. Patrick's Club, and the efforts of the amateurs have been attended with undoubted success on both occasions.

Prince Arthur of Connaught is coming out on Jan. 5, per P. & O. s.s. *Mongolia*.

A line of railway across British North Borneo, to cost £1,500,000, is talked of in yesterday's mail papers.

General Yen-chang, the retiring Minister at Berlin, told them there that China's treatment by the Powers had driven her into the arms of Japan.

The return issued by the Observatory shows that on the 11th inst., the difference between the maximum and minimum temperature was 17 degrees.

A large draft of the Royal West Kent Regiment is expected to arrive here to-day, and tents have been erected for the accommodation of the men on the Parade Ground.

Three Russian transports, under charter to the Hamburg America Line, will probably call here for coal at the end of the month. The transports are conveying Russian soldiers from Vladivostok to Russia.

A body buried in the sand was found in the watercourse at Laichikou on Monday. It was so decomposed that it was impossible to say of what nationality the man was. The circumstances are not regarded as suspicious.

—Reuter's telegram, published by the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, followed our London correspondent's message giving the new Liberal Cabinet; and supplements the list with two appointments, Lord Justice Walker as Chancellor of Ireland, and Mr. Louis Harcourt as Commissioner of Works.

As the result of a boiler explosion on board the German steamer *Wongkai* on Monday the second and third engineers were severely scalded. The former, Gerhardt Christensen, has since succumbed to his injuries, while the latter lies in hospital in a critical condition. The steamer resumed her journey to Bangkok yesterday.

The erudite Mr. Ku Hung-ming, of Wuchang, whose writings have aroused so much comment, has just finished his translation of the "Chinese classic known to the world as 'The Doctrine of the Mean.'" He will next render into English the work to which Dr. Legge gave the title of "The Great Learning," and which Mr. Ku considers as nothing but a treatise on the subject of higher education.

The *L. & C. Express* remarks:—It is quite encouraging to see silver at over 29d. per oz., and Hongkong Exchange above 2s.—a rate that has, rightly or wrongly, come to be looked on as a sort of parity. It would appear that Russian requirements, a steady Eastern demand, and a satisfactory home consumption have combined to bring about a shortage of the metal for immediate delivery. There is at present no sign that any substantial reaction need be anticipated.

There have just arrived in Japan Mr. William Kerr, formerly chief engineer of the *Sado-maru*, and Mr. J. W. Pring, chief officer of the vessel, which, it will be remembered, was attacked and torpedoed by the Vladivostok squadron last year. Both these officers were taken prisoners and ultimately reached Russia, where they were confined until released at the instance of the British Government. They are now on their way to the head office of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha at Tokyo.

There are two battle ships and four armoured cruisers under construction in Japan. The battle-ships will be named *Aki* and *Satsuna* (both province names) and the cruisers christened *Tsuraya*, *Ikoma*, *Kurama* and *Ibuki* (all mountain names). The *Tsuraya*'s keel was laid at the Kure Naval Yard in December last and she will be launched this December. The *Ikoma* is expected to be launched from the same yard in February next, her construction having been started in the corresponding time of this year. The *Aki* and *Ibuki* are also under construction at Kure, and the *Satsuna* and *Kurama* at Yokosuka.

Chinese Fishing is the latest *London* draw which is to be seen at the Hippodrome. Most people of the East are familiar with the system, which is done by cormorants who, at the will of the angler, fly off, seize its prey, and fly back to the boat with the fish in its beak. They also have rings round their necks to prevent them swallowing the fish. At the Hippodrome the arena is flooded with water several feet deep in which swim hundreds of fish from the royal sturgeon down to whitebait. The cormorants, like Methodist parsons, sit in solemn silence on the stage and at the word "go" swoop into the tank, tussle with the enemy and fly back to the stage amid the plaudits of the crowd. They seldom come home without a fish.

GERMANY'S GROWING SHIPPING.

According to the *Nauticus*, an annual for promotion of German naval interests, the German flag is gradually assuming a leading position in the different ports of the country. Whilst up to a recent date the majority of vessels loading and discharging flew the British ensign, it appears that in 1902 this was only the case in four out of the twenty-five, the incoming and outgoing tonnage of which exceeded 100,000 t.s., and this only to a slight extent. In three of them, *Ellin*, *Geestemünde* and *Brake* the Union Jack predominated, and in the fourth the Dutch tricolour. In seventeen ports, Hamburg, Bremen, Bremerhaven, Danzig and Kiel, German shipping exceeded that of all the other nations put together, although the importance of their trade is calculated to attract foreign bottoms. It is only within the last fifteen years that Germany has gained this predominance, prior to that date it was Great Britain; and many ports, Hamburg for instance, might have been mistaken for English ones from the number of British vessels moored there. Great Britain now stands second, the actual figures for Hamburg being 6,300,000 Ts. against 5,500,000 Ts. and in most of the other ports the proportion is pretty much the same. The Scandinavian kingdoms and Holland come next, whilst vessels from the southern countries of Europe are rarely seen anywhere except in Hamburg.

A mob of English women waited on the Prime Minister, Mr. Balfour, on November 6th, to demand that the Government find work for their unemployed husbands. The Prime Minister's answer was, in effect, "no can do"; and he further said that "the idea that there was an unlimited amount of land in the country which could be profitably worked by the unemployed town dwellers was a dangerous delusion."

A Chinaman strolled into the Singapore Court nonchalantly smoking a cigarette. He was promptly taken to the dock, and Mr. Seth told him that if in China he had insulted the Court by smoking he would probably have got fifty blows on the soles of his feet. As punishment now he would have to stand in the dock till 4 o'clock that evening. Shortly after another Chinaman was sent to join the other for wearing his hat in Court. (We think Mr. Seth was in error about the consequence of smoking before a Chinese court, which is a fairly common practice. And hats are worn there, of course.)

These meddlesome missionaries again! Mr. Lyttelton, Secretary for the Colonies, on November 6th received at the Colonial Office a deputation of representatives of missionary societies, who urged that an ordinance recently passed by the Legislative Assembly of Ceylon, providing for a certain measure of Government control over Buddhist temporalities in the island, should be disallowed. Mr. Lyttelton said he had heard no reason advanced why this course should be adopted. At present there were speculations in the administration of the temporalities amounting to a scandal. By giving the proposed control to the State they were no more identifying it with Buddhism than a Judge would be identified with that religion if the peasants were brought into a Court of law. Without giving a final answer, he was afraid he would not be able to meet the wishes of the deputation.

A CURIOUS RUMOUR.

Little spark make glowing fires and so it was that the production of some imaginative brain gained currency and credence in the city yesterday. A rumour was abroad to the effect that the Russian cruisers in port, which are leaving on the 19th instant, had offered to take home any shipwrecked men of the British Navy. It was suggested that this offer was made in order that the unruly Russian sailors might be kept in check by the appearance of bluejackets on board. A *Daily Press* reporter visited the Commodore with regard to the matter, and telling him the story as he had heard it asked if it could be verified. The reply was:—"We know nothing whatever about it. The Harbour Master might be able to give you some information." Later, at the Harbour Office, our representative interviewed the Hon. Captain Barnes-Lawrence. On unfolding the story, the Harbour Master said it was the first he had heard of it. Such a thing was neither practical nor probable. The Admiral would not hear of such a suggestion, neither would the Admiralty allow it. In further conversation the Captain stated that he had not been on board the Russian cruisers, but had heard they were very dirty, that the officers were living in the lap of luxury, as it were, while the crew were just the reverse, and had little respect for their superiors.

THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVE ASSOCIATION.

A large muster of members attended the shooting on the 9th and 10th inst. at King's Park. The range was 300 yards with a possible of 70. The principal scores were as follows:

A. T. Hoskin	60	A. G. Newington	55
T. P. Colquhoun	60	B. B. B. B. B.	55
J. S. Corlett	60	G. J. Allen	55
G. E. Thomas	60	G. E. Gibb	55
J. G. Gow	60	J. C. Peter	55
A. H. Tyack	60	J. A. Lyon	55
J. S. Lewington	60	T. K. Deely	55
E. R. Michael	60	F. Fisher	55
G. K. Paxton	60	A. Morris	55
E. W. Terrell	60	J. A. Hayes	55
E. E. Bingham	60	H. J. George	55
H. E. Bingham	60	J. McCallum	55
H. E. Goldsmith	60	S. H. Michael	55
J. H. Pidgeon	60	W. H. T. Davis	55
P. L. Miller	60	A. W. Prior	55
R. G. Gibbs	60	T. A. T. A.	55
R. E. O. Bird	60	H. Pinckney	55
A. R. Lowe	60	J. W. Burrows	55
W. V. Dawson	60	J. V. Whittall	55
W. McKay	60	R. H. King	55
A. P. Noble	60	A. W. Whitlow	55
W. H. Fraser	60	J. D. Auld	55
W. B. Moore	60	Dr. E. Evan Jones	55
A. Jenkins	60	A. S. G. Subbarao	55
A. Brown	60	H. R. Phelps	55
F. D. Goddard	60	H. R. Phillips	55
W. H. Carter	60		55

The pool on the 9th inst. was won by W. T. Haskin with a total of 60; and on the 10th inst. G. K. Haxton secured it with a total of 64. The membership roll has now reached a total of 200.

A NEW HONGKONG MONOPOLY.

The board of directors of the Osaka Alkali Company has decided to raise a foreign loan of £500,000 through Messrs. Samuel Samuel & Co. on the security of the company's property. The rate of interest is not yet settled, the capitalists stipulating for 7 per cent., and the Alkali Company offering 6 per cent., but it is expected an agreement will soon be arrived at. By the contract so far agreed upon Messrs. Samuel Samuel & Co. will be appointed the sole agents for the sale in Hongkong and southwards of the sulphuric acid produced by the Alkali Company. This is one of the conditions of the loan. We learn that one half of the amount to be borrowed will be used for the redemption of the company's existing 9 per cent. debentures and the other half as a working fund of the new departure for the manufacture of fertilizers. A special general meeting of the shareholders of the company is called for the 11th instant for the consideration of the proposed loan. The capital of the Alkali Company is £1,000,000, and all paid up. The company declared a dividend at the rate of 4 per cent. for the second half of 1903, and of 5 per cent. for the first half of last year.

TELEGRAMS.

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CANTON PASSENGERS
GRUMBLE.

SHAMEEN, 12th December.
The s.s. *Yingking* stranded near Salt Flats at six o'clock this morning.

The second and third class passengers were sent off immediately in sampans and launches; but the first class passengers were allowed to sleep on until eight in ignorance.

There is a good deal of grumbling at this.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE INSTALLATION.

At the Masonic Hall last night the officers of this lodge for the ensuing year were installed as follows:—Right Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. N. K. Davidson; Immediate Past Master, Wor. Bro. J. L. Cotter; Wor. Sen. Warden, Bro. C. J. Tyndale Lea; Wor. Jun. Warden, Bro. F. Allen; Secretary, Bro. Geo. Cunningham; Treasurer, Bro. A. Ritchie; Organist, Bro. H. F. Campbell; Senior Deacon, Bro. H. Jilling; Junior Deacon, Bro. G. Sim; Director of Ceremonies, Wor. Bro. J. Leach; Inner Guard, Bro. J. Anderson; 1st Steward, Bro. W. Boones; 2nd Steward, Bro. A. P. Goodwin; Tyler, Bro. J. Vastone.

SUPREME COURT.

Tuesday, 12th December.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. A. G. WISE (PUISNE JUDGE).

CLAIM FOR RENT.

The Robinson Piano Company sued H. Price, lately carrying on business as a wine and spirit merchant at 12 Queen's Road Central under the style of H. Price and Co., to recover the sum of \$875, being for one month's rent from the 9th October to the 9th November, 1905, of the eastern part of the ground floor of Connaught House.

Mr. M. W. Slade, instructed by Mr. E. J. Grist (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by Mr. M. J. D. Stephens, represented the defendant.

Mr. Slade stated the claim was for rent in respect of a portion of the premises formerly occupied by the Robinson Piano Co., which were let to the defendant. Practically the whole case bore on the letters and documents which passed between the parties.

Counsel here proceeded to cite passages from the letters in question, which dealt with the arrangement arrived at regarding the lease of the premises, partitioning of same, etc.

W. J. Robinson, deposed to being managing director of the Robinson Piano Co., and the premises in question were formerly in his occupation under lease from Mr. Fung Wa Chun. His lease was signed after the negotiations with Mr. Price. \$825 rent for half the premises was a fair sum.

Cross-examined.—Witness could not remember whether he told his solicitors to put the 1st November in the lease. He first heard from the Land Co. that he could not get into his new premises until after the 1st November, after his return from America. He consulted his solicitors on this, and believed they had communicated with Mr. Price's solicitors. When he returned to the colony he endeavoured to get a new clause inserted in the lease to the effect that the demolition of the brick wall should be carried out at Mr. Price's expense.

Mr. Pollock submitted that the plaintiff had not made out a case at all. At his Lordship's would see, they were suing on a writ of summons—not amended—for the rent of the premises for one month from the 10th October to the 9th November. The premises were described correctly in the writ as being the eastern half of the ground floor of Connaught House; that was to say that the plaintiffs were suing for part of premises. The draft lease was before his lordship, and he would see that there was no variation in that, although, as his friend mentioned, there was a dispute as to which side of the premises should be occupied. As mentioned in the first letter it was the intention of the parties clearly expressed on the face of the lease, that the tenure of the whole premises should commence from 1st November, 1905. His Lordship would see, by referring to the draft lease, that the tenure contemplated was an entire and undivisible tenure of the whole premises at a rate of \$750 a month. A great deal had been made by his learned friend with reference to the initial letters between the parties and there was no doubt that originally the negotiations between the plaintiff and the defendant were based upon the assumption that the defendant would go into possession of a portion of the premises as soon as a certain partitioning was erected. All these arrangements were entirely superseded in the month of May of this year. He would refer his Lordship to a letter of the 10th May wherein was a distinct reference to all previous correspondence which had taken place between the parties. He submitted that that letter from the Robinson Piano Company, which followed only six days afterwards by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist's, enclosing a draft lease, was absolutely clear and conclusive as anything could be that the plaintiff then took up the side, no matter what the previous negotiations might have been, that the lease of the whole premises in question was to begin from the 1st November. He did not dispute that there was another idea originally, but the Robinson Piano Co. said emphatically that the lease was to commence from that day, and obviously instructed their solicitors to the same effect.

"In the 10th May onwards the position in which the plaintiff took up was that the lease of the whole premises was to be from the 1st November; and notwithstanding that counsel for the plaintiff attempted to raise a somewhat ingenious argument on Mr. Stephen's letter of 10th June regarding the partitioning off, His Lordship would refer to the same gentleman (letter of the 5th July), he would find it quite clear that it was not as his friend suggested.

His Lordship—What do you suggest he intended?

Mr. Pollock—He suggested that it referred to the previous arrangement with regard to the partition.

In conclusion Mr. Pollock said that the only question left or until Mr. Robinson's return to the Colony was the question with reference to the matter of partition.

His Lordship served judgment.

BEFORE MR. C. D. MELBOURNE (ACTING SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE).

THE MURDER OF AN INDIAN.

The three Indians charged with the murder of countrymen whose body was found floating in a box at Laichikok, were committed to the Criminal Sessions for trial.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:

On the 12th at 12.10 p.m. The barometer has fallen rapidly over E. Japan, owing to the depression which is now moving into the Pacific to the E. of N. Japan.

The anticyclone, central to the North of the Yangtze, now covers China and a considerable increase of pressure has taken place along the coast.

Very strong monsoon prevails and gales are likely to continue in the Formosa Channel, and the N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast.—Fresh N. to N.E. winds; dull at first, improving later.

POLICE COURT.

Tuesday, 12th December.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

ANOTHER BEACHCOMBER.

Harry Eaton, who was charged with being a stowaway on the s.s. *Long Song*, was fined \$5.

THE MIRE BAY PIRATES.

The two men charged with holding up a junk in Mire Bay last week again appeared before the magistrate, but the hearing of the charge was adjourned for a week.

THE CHAMPION INDIAN WRESTLER.

An Indian, who was stated to be the champion Indian wrestler, having won the gold medal in a recent competition in the colony, was summoned for riding a bicycle without a light. He was employed as a watchman in a bicycle shop, but said he was not aware of the lighting regulations. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

REFUSING HIRE.

Three sampan women were summoned for refusing to come with their boats when hailed from Murray Pier. Inspector Gould said these boats were very busy and the people having made money were, he supposed, inclined to be lazy. His Worship agreed that these people were "making too much money" and imposed a fine on each of \$3.

ALLEGED MURDER BY ITALIANS.

Two Italians, named Antonio and Gorni, were charged with the commission of the crime of murder within the jurisdiction of the Italian consul at Mongtsa, Yunnan. They were arrested by Detective Sergeant Murison and Sergeant Watt on Monday on board a ship leaving for Huiipheng. Both men denied the charge and were remanded for a week.

LARCENY FROM THE NAVAL YARD.

A foreman in the employ of Messrs. Pinchard and Lowther, and a woman said to be his wife, were charged with the theft of various articles to the value of \$16. The woman said she was his wife, but when he repudiated her she declared she was a widow, apparently with the intention of screening the man. The prisoners were remanded for inquiries to be made.

ALLEGED ARSON.

The bearing of the charge of arson preferred against Kwok Fat and Li Kat Hin who were accused of wilfully setting fire to the premises at 402 Des. Veaux Road on 22nd November, was resumed. Mr. Hursthouse, prosecuting on behalf of the Meiji and Prussian National Insurance Companies, and Mr. O. D. Thomson defending.

P. S. Parr said he remembered the fire in question which he reached shortly before midnight. On entering the godown he found a weighing machine, the platform and arm of which were burning, while three feet beyond was a Chinese table, the legs and top of which were alight. Further on was a cottee's bed on trestles. The legs were on fire, as also the top of the bed boards. About 28 feet beyond the bed was a heap of rubbish about ten or twelve feet high. This was on fire from the ground. On the left hand side of the godown between five and six feet from the door, was a staircase which was alight from top to bottom. After being there about 15 to 20 minutes, he noticed the bottom of the first door burning through, the burning patch being about two feet square. It did not become ignited from the ground floor. There seemed to be burning oil dropping from this patch. Sometimes it dropped from the first door to the ground floor and sometimes half-way. P. S. Gordon and himself played ty-ho on this patch for about 20 minutes but they could not extinguish it, and they called Inspector Collett's attention to it. He attributed the fact that they were not able to put it out to the presence of kerosene oil. The thick black smoke issuing from it smelt of kerosene oil. Had there been nothing unusually inflammable it would, in his opinion, only have taken 10 to 15 minutes to have extinguished the fire. As a matter of fact it took about four hours to put it out. There was nothing that might have conveyed the fire from the different objects already described. On the top of the staircase were cases which were also on fire and obstructed the way. Between the staircase and the articles on fire was a space where one could walk. After the fire he examined the debris but found no trace of deer horn. There were, however, four or five cases of ground nuts and three cases of tea. During the fire he heard reports which might have been Chinese crackers going off.

P. S. Gordon, who arrived at the scene of the fire after the previous witness, said he did not see the weighing machine alight, but otherwise corroborated P. S. Parr's statement.

The hearing was adjourned.

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WEATHER REPORT.

LATEST STAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.R. *Empress of China* arrived at Yokohama at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, the 11th inst., and left again at 1 p.m. same day for Kobe, where she was due to arrive at 2 p.m. to-day.

The H. A. L. *Brigavia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore on the 9th inst., p.m. and may be expected here on the 16th inst., a.m.

The C.N. *St. George*, from Australian ports, left Port Doryan the 8th inst., and is due here on the 19th, at daylight.

The C.N. *St. Yuan*, from Australian ports, left Sydney on the 11th inst., and is due here on the 5th Je.

COLLISION IN THE HARBOUR.

MASTER'S CERTIFICATE SUSPENDED.

An enquiry, conducted by Hon. Captain Barnes-Lawrence, R.N., took place yesterday morning at the Harbour Office into the circumstances connected with the collision between the steam launch No. K 10, (master Mok Shing Cheung,) and the steam pinnace of H.M.S. *Hecla*, in the waters of the colony on the afternoon of the 15th November last.

George Martin, first class petty officer, said—About 4 p.m. on the 15th November I was going alongside H.M.S. *Hecla*, and when about four lengths from her port quarter I observed the K 10 coming up on the starboard quarter of the *Erne*. I first saw her bows. I observed her head going to port and noticed her helm was putting the wheel over to port. I then went full speed astern with my engines. The coxswain of the K 10 reversed his helm by putting his wheel over to starboard and I concluded the intention was to pass between my boat and the ship. I immediately went ahead with my engines so as to give him more room. There was, however, no time for this and we were struck just abaft the port beam.

To the Magistrate—The K 10 would be about a boat's length from the *Erne*, when she struck us. I did not hear a whistle blown by the K 10. I was going to the starboard gangway of the *Erne*.

Mok Shing Cheung, master of the K 10, said—When I first saw the steam launch of the *Hecla* I was passing H.M.S. *Erne* which was on my starboard beam. The *Hecla*'s boat was on my starboard side. I blew a whistle and altered my course to starboard. I saw my boat was going too fast so I went astern at once. The pinnace also went astern and I struck her on the port quarter. I did not blow a whistle when I went astern.

Robert Brooks, boiler-maker for the Kowloon Dock Co., said—I was in the K 10 at the time of the collision. When I first saw the *Hecla*'s launch she was ahead of the *Erne* some distance off. I directed the master's attention to her and told him to blow one blast on the whistle.

To the magistrate—He blew one long blast on the whistle to indicate we were going down the starboard side of the *Erne*. I was not aware of a boat's length from the *Erne*. I was aware that one long blast had no indication in the rules of the road, and that if a blast was blown the helm must necessarily be altered.

Witness continued—Seeing that no regard was paid to our whistle we kept on our course and I supposed the *Hecla*'s boat was going alongside the port gangway of the *Erne*.

When we came up on the starboard quarter of the *Erne* I saw the launch on our starboard bow and our engines were put full speed astern. Our head went off to starboard. Our helm was not checked, however, and the collision occurred. We were about one-and-a-half lengths from the stern of the *Erne* when the boats collided. I noticed the launch going slightly ahead when the collision took place.

Both parties demonstrated the positions of the respective boats by models.

His Worship, in summing up, said—This case demonstrates the error that is frequently made with respect to the use of steam whistles. The *Hecla*'s boat did the best she was able to do under the circumstances, as seeing the evident intention of the K 10 to cross her bow up to the time the latter went astern, she also went astern. I absolve him from blame.

The master of the K 10 should have known the regulations concerning the use of steam whistles and is also to blame in rounding so closely the stern of the *Erne*, when he must have known that any boat coming from the starboard side would be on his starboard side, and that, therefore, by the rule of the road he would have to give way to her.

Mok Shing Cheung's certificate was ordered to be suspended for four weeks.

EXTRAORDINARY MURDER.

AN ENGLISHMAN'S REASON FOR SHOOTING A CHINAMAN.

Lionel Terry, an Englishman, said to be well-known in art and literary circles in London, and to have been once an officer in the Blues, has confessed to shooting a Chinaman in the streets of Wellington, New Zealand, on Sept. 24, in order to call attention to the "yellow peril." According to the *Sydney Morning Herald* Kum Young, a feeble old Chinaman, was a Pole-Mendelssohn, a Jew-Schubert a Hungarian-Mozart, the divine Mozart, was an Austrian.

There's a red rag for a bull, if you please!

The Impostor, by HAROLD BINDLOSS. London: George Bell & Sons.

A musical novel, about an Italian virtuoso

who fell heir to an English peerage, lost his marvellous left hand, and thereby won another man's sweetheart. He is a lovable character, and his life history enables the author to air his views about great composers.

"After all, Handel wasn't a great artist—think of Bach."

"Not a great artist! Mother of God—not a great artist!"

"Yes . . . those big choruses are . . . very splendid contrapuntal exercises . . . but opt to pall."

(Hero insists Handel was the very greatest, &c.)

"But the Germans, they laugh at our old English Handel, you know."

"The Germans . . . what are they? What have they given us?"

"Handel? No, Handel was a Saxon—Chopin was a Pole-Mendelssohn, a Jew-Schubert a Hungarian-Mozart, the divine Mozart, was an Austrian."

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Hero worship runs riot here. The Impostor is a Canadian settler who, by a very cleverly constructed plot, becomes legitimately another man in America; and his doings, full of self-sacrifice and wisdom, save a whole community from ruin, and earns him a bride and wealth worthy of him. A strong dramatic tale that marches well for more than half way and then flags. It is well written, and the descriptions are of power.

Beggar's Luck, by NELLIE K. BLISSETT. London: T. Fisher Unwin.

A heroic tale of old-time Paris, when

Mazarin intrigued and noble hands clutched

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written, sensational, and not too long, this

romance will be just the thing for a Sunday afternoon.

Dante Gabriel Rossetti. London: George Newnes, Ltd. 3s. 6d.

This beautiful book contains an appreciation of the famous artist, and 57 exquisite reproductions of his pictures. The illustrations are by Ernest Rodford and the photographs by various experts, including Hollyer. It is an admirable drawing-room-table book, or gift book. Several of the pictures are on stiff cartridge paper. A marvel of cheapness.

REPRINTS.—Newnes, Ltd., are well to the fore

with the publication of dainty reprints. A notable specimen is the edition of Storrie's Novels

in pocket size, well in keeping with the subject

matter, and though there are 725 pages, thanks

to the wonderful modern paper, the type is bold

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inch thick including leatherette cover. It is a

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Fortune's Cap, by MARY E. MANN. London:

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FROM 1st March to 31st October next, 1 or 6 ROOMED FURNISHED HOUSE on the Peak of Higher Levels. Applications stating terms to be addressed to "PEAK". Care of "Daily Press" Office, Hongkong, 13th December, 1905. [2803]

TO LET.

ONE ROOM suitable for Office and One Strong Room, lately occupied by the Taiwan Bank. Rent Moderate. Apply to— KANG LEE & CO., 4, Queen's Road Central, (Opposite Connaught Hotel), Hongkong, 13th December, 1905. [2808]

TO LET—FURNISHED.

"CRAGSIDE" Barker Road, The Peak; for 12 months from March 1st, 1906. Address— A. H. SKELTON, Care of Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. Hongkong, 13th December, 1905. [2810]

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CERTIFICATE No. N.S. 4731 dated Hongkong 31st October, 1905, for FOUR SHARES of this Bank numbered 28577/28580 registered in the name of EDWARD HAROLD LOW of Amoy (now deceased) has been LOST and should this Certificate not be produced to the Bank before 13th January, 1906, a NEW CERTIFICATE for the shares will be issued and the aforesaid Certificate No. N.S. 4731 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as NULL and VOID.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1905. [2813]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that practice from MOVABLE ARMAMENT GUNS will be carried out as under:—

MONDAY, 18th instant, from 6.15 P.M. to 8.30 P.M., if range clear.—Night Firing from Albion Battery. Stonemasons to ricochet on to Chung Hua and into Tsun-wan Bay.

TUESDAY, 19th instant, from 11 A.M. to 12 Noon, if range clear.—From a Gun on Wang Chai to targets placed on Round Island and Middle Island.

WEDNESDAY, 20th instant, from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M., if range clear.—From Guns at High West to Targets placed at West end of Lamma Island.

By Command.

T. SERcombe SMITH, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 6th December, 1905. [2814]

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"BRISGAVIA"

Captain Russ, will be despatched for the above ports on MONDAY, the 18th inst., at 5 P.M. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office, 12th December, 1905. [2805]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"GREGORY APCAR"

Captain J. G. Oliffent, will be despatched for the above ports on TUESDAY, 19th inst., at 3 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1905. [2799]

THE Steamship

"IDOMENEUS,"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both cases it will lie at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 11th December.

Optical Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 15th December.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th December will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamship must be presented to the Underwriters on or before the 16th December, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1905. [2910]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

FROM HAMBURG, BREMEN, ROTTERDAM, ANTWERP, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"AMBRIA."

Captain Winnenberg, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to seal in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optical Cargo will be forwarded, unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY. Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th December A.C. will be subject to rent.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office, 12th December, 1905. [2806]

S.S. "ERNEST SIMONS."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex.s.s. "Guardian," from Havre ex.s.s. "Guardian," from Bordeaux, ex.s.s. "Capitol," in connection with above Steamers, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risks into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optical Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignee before NOON TO-DAY requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after Tuesday, the 19th inst., at NOON will be subject to rent and landing charges.

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1905. [2]

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

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TURNTABLES, REFRIGERATING MACHINE, BOATS' ENGINES and BOILERS, CHAIN, CABLE and GEAR, ELECTRIC CABLE, STEEL WIRE, HAWSERS, OLD BRASS and IRON, LEAD PIPING, PAPERSTUFF, CANVAS, PROVISIONS, IMPLEMENTS, CASKS and CASE STAVES, CLOTHING MATERIALS and WINTER CLOTHING (in good condition).

TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1905. [2802]

INTIMATIONS.

VICTORIA AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

THE Members of the above Club will give their fourth performance in the Theatre of St. Patrick's Club, Garden Road (near the Tram Station).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 1905.

When Boucicault's Famous Irish Drama in three Acts.

"THE SHAUGHRAUN" will be presented.

Doors open at 8 P.M. Commence at 8.30 P.M. sharp. Chairs may be ordered for 11.30 P.M.

Prices: Reserved Seats, \$2; Unreserved \$1. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Seats may be booked at the ROBINSON PIANO CO., LTD., where plan is on view.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1905. [2736]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1905. [2910]

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

A MEETING of MEMBERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING, TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY, 13th inst., at 5.15 P.M.)

BUSINESS.—To pass ACCOUNTS, &c. C. G. MACKIE, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1905. [2755]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

MEMBERS wishing to have Stabling and Stand accommodation in the enclosure for the forthcoming RACE MEETING are requested to apply to the Undersigned on or before Saturday, the 16th December, 1905.

By Order.

T. F. ROUGH, Clerk of the Court.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1905. [2729]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BURGESS COURT.

No. 60 of 1905.

RE THE WONG CHEUNG KEE Firm, lately carrying on business at No. 218, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Merchants.

Ex parte The WING FUNG LUNG Firm, the WNG CHU YUEN Firm, the KWONG MEE LEE Firm, the CHU LEE Firm, the KAM FUNG MEE Firm, and the PAN CHAN Firm, Creditors.

IN THE MATTER OF A BANKRUPTCY PETITION filed the 24th day of November, 1905.

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NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1904.
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SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL... 2,750,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL... 687,500 0
II. FUND FUNDS... 3,001,268 12 9

The Undersigned, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 30th June, 1905. (1567)

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX-LA-CHAPELLE.

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BICKELMANN & CO. Agents,

Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. 184

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SHANGHAI TRAMWAYS.

The following correspondence relating to the raising of the capital necessary for carrying out the terms of the concession is published—

Shanghai, 18th November, 1905.

Sir.—We have this morning received from Messrs. Dent Bros. & Co. telegram, relating to the Tramway Agreement, of which the following is a translation:—

"With reference to Clauses 36 and 39 obtain written consent concession to be transferred to Shanghai Tramway Company, Limited; getting it is only a matter of form. Telegraph when done."

Assuming the Council will have no objection to granting the above, as the clauses referred to provide for sale, assignment, etc., to a British Company, we have to request you to kindly obtain for us the written consent asked for, we are, sir, your obedient servant,

ALFRED DENT & CO.
Acting Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room, Shanghai, 21st November, 1905.

Gentlemen.—In reply to your note of the 18th instant, I am directed to inform you that, in the Council's opinion, the agreement recently concluded with Messrs. Bruce, Peels & Co., Ltd., unmistakably contemplates a transfer of the benefits acquired thereunder to a public company formed and promoted in terms of Clauses 36 and 39.

Without knowledge of the Shanghai Tramway Company, Limited, or of the terms and conditions upon which the proposed transfer is to be made, the Council is unable to comply with your request, even as a matter of form.

I am directed to state that this refusal is not dictated by any desire to act otherwise than in complete harmony with the tramway concessionaires and in accordance with all the conditions of the agreement, but you will understand that the present request of your London house is not readily explicable to the Council, and that under the circumstances no other course remains but to await the receipt of the prospectus and other information in respect to the company which is about to be formed and promoted.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVISON,
Acting Secretary.

Messrs. Alfred Dent & Co.

Shanghai, 24th November, 1905.

Sir.—We are in receipt of your letter dated the 21st inst., and thank you for same. It appears we have been under a wrong impression as to the requirements of our friends, and in order to show you what has passed in the interval, we think we cannot do better than send you translations of the telegrams that have passed. These you will find enclosed. We now understand that what is required is the Council's sanction for Messrs. Bruce, Peebles & Co., Ltd., to transfer their interest in the Tramway Concession to a private company, or syndicate, called the Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ltd., which has been formed for the purpose of raising funds for the construction of the tramway.

It is this company our friends desire to register, but, before doing so, they require the Council's sanction to transfer.

We enclose a copy of the proof prospectus referred to in the telegrams, in which we have made the alterations mentioned.

Requesting you to obtain from the Council as early as possible, their written consent to the transfer as desired.—We are, sir, your obedient servants,

ALFRED DENT & CO.
W. E. LEVISON,
Acting Secretary, Municipal Council.

TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAMS.
To Messrs. Dent Bros. & Co., dated 22nd November, 1905.

Referring to your telegram dated 17th November Municipal Council states agreement contemplated transfer but while willing to your proposal cannot give written consent without full particulars. Shanghai Tramway

Co.

From Messrs. Dent Bros. & Co., received 23rd November, 1905.

What particulars do you require in addition to proof prospectus?

To Messrs. Dent Bros. & Co., dated 23rd November, 1905.

Do yet mean Construction Company if so proof prospectus will be adopted present form.

From Messrs. Dent Bros. & Co., received 24th November, 1905.

Shanghai Tramway Co. referring to our letter 24th July name has been altered as desired (i.e., Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ltd.) prospectus of Company otherwise unchanged except modified in accordance with Council's two agreements. One Director added: We want to register at once but all we want is Council give their sanction as deposit has been received. The shares are all taken up. If this should not be sufficient for your requirements, it is unnecessary.

We are also requested to say that Messrs. Bruce, Peebles & Co. are quite willing to guarantee the Council that the aforesaid company, or syndicate, will carry out the agreement.

As the forming of such a syndicate is the ordinary way of conducting such operations at their outset, we trust the Council will now have any objection to sanctioning the transfer as requested.—We are, sir, your obedient servants,

ALFRED DENT & CO.

W. E. LEVISON, Esq.,

Acting Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room.

Shanghai, 30th November, 1905.

Gentlemen.—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 24th and 29th inst., from which the Council understands that the request of your London house, as amended, is that the Council, in terms of Clauses 36 and 39 of its agreement with Messrs. Bruce, Peebles & Co., will transfer the concession to the Shanghai Electric Construction Company, Limited.

In reply thereto I am to state that the Council has no objection to the assignment by Messrs. Bruce, Peebles & Co. of the benefit of the agreement to this Company provided they will guarantee that such transfer shall not affect their obligations under the agreement for its due performance, and in particular guarantee that in the event of any public company being

promoted to work the Tramway, the Shanghai public, including small investors, shall have an opportunity of subscribing for shares on the same footing as other members of the public.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVISON,
Acting Secretary.

Messrs. Alfred Dent & Co.

Shanghai, 1st December, 1905.

Sir.—We have to acknowledge the receipt of the Acting Secretary's letter dated yesterday in which we are informed that the Council has no objection to the assignment by Messrs. Bruce, Peebles & Co. of the benefit of the agreement for the Tramway concession to the Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ltd., provided they will guarantee that such transfer shall not affect their obligations under the agreement for its due performance, and in particular guarantee that in the event of any public company being promoted to work the tramway, the Shanghai public, including small investors, shall have an opportunity of subscribing for shares on the same footing as other members of the public.

The above conditions were telegraphed to London yesterday, and we have pleasure in saying, we have to day received authority to confirm them.—We are, sir, your obedient servants,

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

EMMA LUYKEN, German str., 1,160, O. Schoultz, 12th Dec., Hongkong 10th Dec., Coal.—
Order.
ERNEST SIMONS, French str., 2,162, Bourdon, 12th Dec., Saigon 9th December, Mails & General.—
MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
HATCHING, British str., 1,267, A. E. Hodges, 12th Dec., Swatow 11th Dec., General.—
Douglas Lapraik & Co.
HAJIAN, French str., 377, L. Andersen, 12th December, Pukhui and Hoihow 11th Dec., General.—A. R. Marti.
KUANG-LIANG, British str., 12th Dec., from Canton, PEGUAR, German str., 1,256, Hafiz, 12th Dec., Proholtong 1st December, Sugar—
Sander, Wieder & Co.
RAJAH-NA, German str., 1,189, O. Koch, 12th December, Aunglin 4th December, Rice—
Butterfield & Swire.
SAMSON, German str., 1,437, F. Rehbold, 11th Dec., Bantam via Hoihow 3rd Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire.
TINGSAI, British str., 12th Dec., from Canton.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
11th December.
Andree Richmeyer, German str., for Bangkok.
Aunglin, Japanese str., for Swatow.
Bouwens, British str., for Nagasaki.
Emme Luyken, German str., for Canton.
Fritsch, Norwegian str., for Swatow.
Glenburn, British str., for Shanghai.
Kirkland, British str., for Shanghai.
Mabrouk, British str., for Shanghai.
Palmen, Norwegian str., for Bangkok.
Tingzang, British str., for Shanghai.
Witchell, German str., for Sydney.

DEPARTURES.

12th December.
CARL DIEDERICHSEN, Ger. str., for Hoihow.
ERNEST SIMONS, French str., for Shanghai.
HAJIAN, British str., for Swatow.
FOUCHON, British str., for Shanghai.
KUANG-LIANG, British str., for Calcutta.
LOCOOR, German str., for Hoihow.
NORDEN, British str., for Moi.
PRONTO, Norwegian str., for Hoihow.
TAMING, British str., for Manila.
WOSANG, British str., for Europe.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The British str. *Hatching*, reports: Fresh northerly winds with rain.
The German str. *Petropach*, reports: Fine weather, last day strong N.E. wind.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship

"HATCHING,"
Captain A. E. Hodges, will be despatched for the above ports 10 MORROW, the 14th inst., at 10 A.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
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Hongkong, 11th December, 1905. [273]

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Captain Ielsito, will be despatched as above TO MONROVIA, the 14th inst., at Noon.
At Bonny, the Steamer is discharging in Victoria Dock.

For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1905. [4]

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1905. About
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"ATHOLL" ... 3rd Jan.
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Hongkong, 30th November, 1905. 2105-2125

BRITISH-INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE AND RANGOON.

THE Company's Steamship
"ISMAILA,"
Captain Stebbing, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 15th inst., at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Hongkong, 8th December, 1905. 2783

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S.S. "ERNEST SIMONS" ... 9th Jan.
S.S. "POLYNESIEN" ... 23rd Jan.
S.S. "CALEDONIEN" ... 6th Feb.
G. de CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1905. [2]

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SECTIONS.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VEHICLE'S NAME	FLAG & RIG	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PALERMO	Brit. str.	—	E. G. Andrews	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 15th inst., P.M.
LONDON, &c. VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL.	SIMLA	Brit. str.	—	C. D. Goldsmith, R.N.R.	C. D. Goldsmith, R.N.R.	On 16th inst., at Noon.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	HECTOR	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 15th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	TYDEUS	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 2nd Jan.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	IDOMENEUS	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 16th Jan.
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL.	ARMAND BEHIC	Frenstr.	—		MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 26th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES & LONDON	BENLOMOND	Brit. str.	—		GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	About 23rd inst.
BREMEN VIA PORTS OF CALL.	PRINCE HEINRICH	Ger. str.	—		MELCHERS & CO.	On 20th inst., at Noon.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SITIOMA	Ger. str.	k. w.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 22nd inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	AMBRIA	Ger. str.	k. w.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 10th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	BRISAGVIA	Ger. str.	k. w.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 24th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	RHENANIA	Ger. str.	k. w.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 7th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	NIPON	Aus. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 20th inst.
GENOVA, MARESEILLES & LIVERPOOL.	GLAUCEST	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 14th inst.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL.	LOTHIAN	Brit. str.	—		DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 21st inst.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL.	INDRANI	Brit. str.	—		SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	About 2nd Jan.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ.	COLEEDON	Brit. str.	—		ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.	About 11th Jan.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ.	NUBIA	Ger. str.	k. w.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-day.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	2 m.		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 24th Jan.
VICTORIA (E.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN.	ATHENIAS	Brit. str.	1 m.		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 27th inst.
VICTORIA (E.C.) SEATTLE, &c. VIA JAPAN.	LYRA	Am. str.	—		DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.	On 1st Jan.
SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN.	TELEMACHUS	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 19th inst.
PORTLAND, OREGON VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	MINNESOTA	Am. str.	—		NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th inst., at Daylight.
PORTLAND, OREGON VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	ARAGONIA	Ger. str.	—		PORTLAND ASIATIC S. S. CO.	On 16th Jan.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	DAROTAH	Brit. str.	—		SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 27th inst., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 23rd inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	CHINGTUO	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
SHANGHAI	SHAOHSING	Brit. str.	—		JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 16th inst., at 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	CHOYSANG	Brit. str.	—		P. & O. S. N. CO.	About 10th inst.
SHANGHAI	DELTA	Brit. str.	k. w.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 18th inst., at 5 P.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	BR. SAVIA	Ger. str.	—		OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 24th inst., at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.	THIUMPH	Ger. str.	1 m.		OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 17th inst., at 10 A.M.
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	DECIMA	Ger. str.	—		OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 17th inst., at 10 A.M.
TAMSUI VIA SWATOW & AMOY	DAIJIN MARU	Jap. str.	—		OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 24th inst., at 10 A.M.
TAMSUI VIA SWATOW & AMOY	DAIGI MARU	Jap. str.	—		OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst., at 10 A.M.
ANPING VIA SWATOW & AMOY	FRITHJOF	Brit. str.	2 h.		Douglas Lapraik & Co.	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	HAICHING	Brit. str.	—		JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 15th inst., at 4 P.M.
MANILA	LOONGSAM	Brit. str.	—		SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
MANILA	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst.
MANILA	RUBI	Brit. str.	—		JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 15th inst., at 3 P.M.
CEBU & ILOILO	SUNGKANG	Brit. str.	—		DAVID SASBON & CO., LTD.	On 19th inst., at 3 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	SUISANG	Brit. str.	—		CARLOWITZ & CO.	To-morrow, at Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON	ISMAILA	Brit. str.	—		JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINI	About 13th inst.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	CAPRI	Ital. str.	—			
BOMBAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG, &c.	TJILATJAP	Dut. str.	—			

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"SIMLA"

Captain C. D. Goldsmith, R.N.R., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for Bombay on SATURDAY, the 16th December, at NOON, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's s.s. *Macedonia*, 10,500 tons, from Colombo. Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, etc., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. *Caledonia*, due in London on 27th January.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent,
Hongkong, 4th December, 1905. [1]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR MARSEILLES AND LONDON.

THE Steamship

"BENLOMOND,"

Captain Henderson, will be despatched on or about the 23rd inst. For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1905. [273]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. (Calling at MANILA, PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"AUSTRALIAN,"

Captain W.G. McArthur, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 27th inst., at NOON.

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TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA
AND SUMATRA PORTS.

EUROPEAN SERVICE.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"STENTOR"		On 13th December.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KANGHOW"		On 26th December.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TELEMACHUS"		On 29th December.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PYRRHUS"		On 2nd January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PAKUNG"		On 2d January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"SAINT BEDE"		On 2d January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PATROCLUS"		On 9th January.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	DATE
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"HECTOR"		On 19th December.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"		On 20th December.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"TYDEUS"		On 2d January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"IDOMENEUS"		On 16th January.

Taking cargo for Liverpool at London rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

Operating in conjunction with

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

AND TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING TO ALL OVERLAND
COMMON POINTS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA.
EASTWARD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	DATE
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, & all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA	"TELEMACHUS"		On 1st January.
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKO-	"NINGCHOW"		On 1st February.

WESTWARD.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	DATE
TACOMA, SEATTLE, VICTORIA	"JASON"		On 7th December.
and PACIFIC COAST	"TYDEUS"		On 29th December.

For Freight, apply to—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1905.

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CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	DATE
SHANGHAI	"SHAOHSING"		On 14th December.
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"CHINGTU"		On 23rd December.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, & C. "CHANGSHA"			On 27th December.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE			

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1905.

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HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.
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Taking cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENGA, PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIc PORTS, NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES
SITHONIA	HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG	On 22nd Dec. Freight.
Capt. Bremmer	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	
AMBRIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 10th Jan. Freight.
Capt. Wittenberg	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	
BRISGAVIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 24th Jan. Freight.
Capt. Russ	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	
RHENANIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 7th Feb. Freight.
Capt. Forck	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	
NUBIA	NEW YORK VIA SUEZ	About 11th Jan. Freight.
Capt. Habel	(with liberty to call at the Malabar coast)	

* Special attention of intending Passengers is drawn to the splendid accommodation of this steamer. Saloon and cabins amidships. Lighted throughout by electricity. Duly qualified doctors are carried.

For further Particulars apply to—

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

HONGKONG OFFICE, KFO'S BUILDINGS.

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NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.
BOSTON S. S. CO. BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.
CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR

VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA

VIA

MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer.	Tons.	Captain.	Sailing Date.
LYRA	4,417	G. V. Williams	Wednesday, December 27th
PLEIADES	3,753	F. G. Purtington	to follow.
SHAWMUT	9,606	E. V. Roberts	to follow.

† Cargo only.

CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND
CUISINE, ELECTRIC LIGHT, DOCTOR AND STEWARDESS.

The twin-screw s.s. "SHAWMUT" and "TRÉMONT" are fitted with very Superior
Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers. The large size of these vessels ensures
steadiness at sea. Electric fan in each room. Barber's shop and steam laundry. Cargo carried
in cold storage.

PARCEL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

For further information apply to—

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,

GENERAL AGENTS.

QUEEN'S BUILDINGS,

Hongkong, 11th December, 1905.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON, 1906.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

FOR MARSEILLES AND LONDON.

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR

COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.
THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO NEW YORK.Connecting Steamers from COLOMBO to MARSEILLES (Brindisi)
MARSEILLES & LONDON 2 days earlier

DRAFT (London 1 day later)

Due at PLYMOUTH (London 1 day later)

TJILATJAP JAPAN

TJIFANAS JAVA

TJIMAH JAPAN

TJILWONG JAVA

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN

JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJILATJAP	JAPAN	First half of December	JAVA PORTS	First half of December
TJIFANAS	JAVA	First half of December	JAPAN via SHANGHAI	Second half of December
TJIMAH	JAPAN	First half of January	JAVA PORTS	First half of January
TJILWONG	JAVA	First half of January	JAPAN via SHANGHAI	Second half of January

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the HEAD AGENCY OF THE JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

York Buildings, 1st Floor, Hongkong, 6th December, 1905.

Telephone No. 375.

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JAPAN COALS.

MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA
MITSUI & CO.HEAD OFFICE:—1. SHIBU-CHO, TOKYO.
LONDON BRANCH:—34, LIND STREET, E.C.
HONGKONG BRANCH:—PRINCE'S BUILDINGS, 108, HOUN STREET

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CONTRACTORS OF COAL to the Imperial Japanese Navy and Arsenals and the State Railways; Principal Railway Companies and Industrial Works; Home and Foreign Mail and Freight Steamers.

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S. MINAMI, Manager, Hongkong.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA
(Florio and Rubattino United Companies).

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE
THE Steamship

"CAPIRI"
having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optical goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M. TO-DAY.
Goods not cleared by the 14th inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate obtained from the Godown Company within seven days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claim will be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

Christmas Cards (if prepaid at Printed Matter rates) must be posted either in an unfastened envelope or in a cover which can be easily removed for the purpose of examination without breaking any seal or tearing any paper or separating any adhering surfaces. Covers may be secured with string.

Cards in closed envelopes with notched ends or corners cut will be taxed as letters.

The best method of sending cards is to enclose them in an envelope with the flap turned in. The *Delta*, with the English mail of the 17th November left Singapore on Sunday the 10th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 15th inst., at noon. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 17th October, and the parcel mail closed in London for despatch by the sea route on 8th November, and for despatch overland on 15th November.

••• Mail for CANTON, SAMSHUI and WUCHOW are closed on weekdays at 7.30 a.m.

On Sunday the mail for Macao is closed at 8 a.m.

••• Mails for NANTAO, SANDEU, *KONGMOON, *KUMCHUK, *SAMSHUI, *WUCHOW and CANTON are closed every weekday, at 5 p.m. On Sundays the mails are closed at 9 a.m.

*No mails are despatched to these places on Saturday evenings, unless previously notified.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

PORT	PER	DATE
Wei Hui Wei	Mercedes	Wednesday, 13th, 10.00 A.M.
Yokohama and Kobe	Amelia	Wednesday, 13th, 10.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER (B.C.)	Empress of Japan	Wednesday, 13th, 10.00 A.M.
Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail		Registration, 10.00 A.M.
Extra Postage 10 cents)		(Registration, 10.00 A.M. (Registration with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
Tsingtan, Nagasaki and Vladivostock	Tungus	11th, 11.00 A.M.
Hongkong and Pukhoi	Progress	Wednesday, 13th, 2.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hainan	Wednesday, 13th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Bombay	Huching	Wednesday, 13th, 5.00 P.M.
Batavia, Cheribon, Sambang, Sourabaya and Macassar	Capri	Thursday, 14th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Tilatjap	Thursday, 14th, 11.00 A.M.
Amen and Manila	Shaoshing	Thursday, 14th, 2.00 P.M.
	Zafiro	Friday, 15th, 9.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO	Sherid	Printed Matter and Samples, 10.00 A.M.
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail)		Registration, 10.00 A.M. (Registration with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
Extra Postage 10 cents)		Letters, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Saisang	Friday, 15th, 2.00 P.M.
Singapore and Bangkok	Imaila	Friday, 15th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Loongsong	Friday, 15th, 3.00 P.M.
EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TUTICCOILIN (Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)		Saturday, 16th, 10.00 A.M.
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail)		Printed Matter and Samples, 10.00 A.M.
Extra Postage 10 cents)		Registration, 10.00 A.M. (Registration with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail)		Letters, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Choyang	Saturday, 16th, 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Yokohama and Kobe	Bragaria	Monday, 18th, 4.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Seattle	Minnesota	Tuesday, 19th, 11.00 A.M.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Portland	Arizona	Tuesday, 19th, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Gregory Ape	Tuesday, 19th, 2.00 P.M.

TO-DAY.

Annual Bazaar and Sale of Work, Convent, Praya East.

Meeting of Members of the Hongkong Gymkhana Club, St. George's Building, 5.15 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

12th December.

ON LONDON.—	Telegraphic Transfer	2.01
	Bank Bills, on demand	2.01
	Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	2.01
	Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	2.01
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	2.11
	Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight (2.11)	
ON PARIS.—	Bank Bills, on demand	2561
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	261
ON GERMANY.—	On demand	2081
ON NEW YORK.—	Bank Bills, on demand	423
	Credits, 60 days' sight	508
ON BOMBAY.—	Telegraphic Transfer	1524
	Bank, on demand	1524
ON CALCUTTA.—	Telegraphic Transfer	1524
	Bank, on demand	1524
ON SHANGHAI.—	Bank, on demand	714
	Private, 30 days' sight	724
ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand		994
ON MANILA.—On demand		1004
ON SINGAPORE.—On demand		61 p.m.
ON BATAVIA.—On demand		1224
ON HAIPHONG.—On demand		14 p.m.
ON SAIGON.—On demand		1 p.m.
ON BANGKOK.—On demand		601
SOVEREIGN'S Bank's Buying Rate		9.75
Gold, L.P.A. 10¢ fine, per tael		52.20
Bar		2912

OPIUM.

12th December.

Quantities are—	Allowances not to 1 catty.
Values Net	\$1030 to — per catty.
Values Old	\$1060 to — "
Older	\$1110 to — "
Older	\$1180 to — "
Older	\$1150 to — "
Older	\$1200 to — "
Pains New	\$1000 to — per catty.
Pains Old	\$1055 to — "
Pains New	\$945 to — "
Pains Old	\$920 to — "

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. str. *Delta* left Singapore for this port on the 10th Dec., at 1 a.m., and is due here on the 15th Dec. about noon.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. *Cisneiros* left Colombo on Friday, 1 p.m., and may be expected here on Wednesday, the 20th Dec.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. str. *Mongolia* will sail from Yokohama on the 8th Dec., and is due here on the 19th Dec.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of China* arrived at Yokohama at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, the 11th Dec., and left again at 2 p.m. same day for Kobe, where she was due to arrive at 2 p.m. yesterday.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The G.S.S. & C.M. str. *Steator* left Singapore at 5 p.m. on the 7th inst., and is due here on the 13th inst.

The P. & A. str. *Aragonica* left Moji on the 8th Dec., and is due here on the evening of the 13th or morning of the 14th.

The P. & A. str. *Nicomedia* left Astoria on the 14th Mav., and is due here on the 14th Dec.

The N.Y.K. chartered str. *Glenlee* left Borneo for this port on the 26th Nov., and is due here on the 15th Dec.

The P. & O. str. *Malaca* left Singapore for this port on the 11th Dec., at noon.

The H.A.L. str. *Brisbane*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 9th Dec., p.m., and may be expected here on the 16th Dec., a.m.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 12th December.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Athambra	\$200	\$100, buyers
Banks	\$125	\$850, sales & sol. London, 202
Hongkong & Shantung	\$125	\$850, buyers
National B. of China	125	\$85, buyers
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	125	\$7, sellers
China-Borneo Co.	125	\$10, sellers
China Light & P. Co.	125	\$9, sellers
China Provident	125	\$9, sellers
Cotton Mills—	Fls. 50	Fls. 60.
Evo.	Fls. 10	Fls. 14.
Hongkong	Fls. 75	Fls. 44.
International	Fls. 100	Fls. 60.
Laou Kong Mow	Fls. 600	Fls. 250.
Socorro	\$30	\$16, sellers
Dairy Farm	\$30	\$16, sellers

BANKS

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ... Yen 24,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP ... " 18,000,000
CAPITAL UNCALLED ... " 6,000,000
RESERVE FUND ... " 9,940,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES.
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On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent per annum on the daily balance.

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" " " 6 " 4% " "

" " " 3 " 3% " "

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Hongkong, 22nd May, 1905.

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THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rate may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3% per cent per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed or FIXEL DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1902.

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

IN LIQUIDATION.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. ... Every 10 minutes.

8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes.

8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. ... Every 10 minutes.

9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes.

11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.

12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.

1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.

1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.

2.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.

2.45 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes